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# SECTION 502 GUARANTEED RURAL HOUSING LOANS

Information for Applicants and Realtors

This program is administered by the Rural Housing Service, an agency within the Rural Development mission area of the U.S.

Department of Agriculture

#### Am I Eligible?

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have an adequate and dependable income;
- Be a U.S. Citizen or be legally admitted to the United States for permanent residence;
- Have an adjusted annual household income that does not exceed the moderate income limit established for the area:
- Have a credit history that indicates a reasonable willingness to meet obligations as they become due:
- Have a repayment ability based the ratios of 29/41;
- Must be without decent, safe and sanitary housing within the local commuting area;
- Be unable to obtain a loan without Private Mortgage Insurance:
- Possess the legal capacity to incur the loan.

## What Types of Homes Qualify?

- Guaranteed loans can be made on either new or existing home;
- Existing homes must be structurally sound, functionally adequate, and in good repair;
- There are no restrictions on the size or design of the home financed;

- Homes with in-ground swimming pools are not allowed;
- The home must not be used for income-producing purposes;
- Homes must be located in eligible rural areas.

#### **Eligible Rural Areas**

Some portions of the Commonwealth are not eligible. Please check our website for details

#### What are the terms?

Loans may be made for up to 102% of the appraised value. The repayment period is 30 years.

### What loan closing costs will I need to pay?

Applicants should expect to pay their loan closing costs that may include lender fees, attorney fees, title services, funding escrow accounts, and other pre-paid items. These fees may be included in the loan amount if supported by the appraisal. Or, the fees may be paid from gift funds or a seller contribution. Loan closing costs will amount to approximately 5-7% of the sales price of the house.

# Where Do I Find Out Additional Information About the Home Buying Process?

Homebuyer education is required for most applicants prior to applying for a loan. These classes review important issues such as the Realtor/client relationship, how to find your dream home, budgeting, proper use of consumer credit, the lender/client relationship, and what to expect once you are a homeowner. The classes are offered for free by non-profit organizations, The Virginia Housing Development Authority, Rural Development, Fannie Mae, and some lenders. The VHDA web site provides a calendar of schedule homeownership classes at www.vhda.com. Classes are offered by video tape, textbook or classroom style.

#### Where Do I Make an Application?

For a full list of lenders, please visit our web site www.rurdev.usda.gov

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